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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Dear Ms. Searcy:

The following are our comments in reply to ET Docket 93-59,
Amendment to the Section 2.106 of the Commission's Rules to
Allocate Spectrum for Wind Profiler Radar Systems.

The Coast Guard regulates the carriage of 406 MHz emergency
position indicating radiobeacons (EPIRBs) on thousands of
vessels, and responds to 10-20 distress alerts daily from these
devices through the COSPAS-SARSAT satellite system.
Approximately 16,000 of these devices are currently registered,
and several thousand more unregistered devices are in use. An
average of 35 new EPIRBs are registered daily. We also operate
numerous low power terrestrial systems supporting safety of life